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Utah Highway Patrol Weekly Report

PT Challenge



On July 15, 2010, many members of our department participated during the first session of the Colonel's PT Challenge (The Rookie Challenge) which consisted of 2.5 mile run/ X 3 on bike) at the Davis County Legacy Highway Trail. We have 7 more challenges to go. We want to thank all of those who participated. We had members from UHP Administration, UHP Training, Section 15, Section 4 and Executive Protection. In case you are wondering who is on the ground that would be Captain Bruce Riches.

DUI / Section 16 Weekly Report



During the week of July 5, 2010 through July 11, 2010 the Section 16 compiled the following Stats

DUI Arrest	35
Not A Drop	1
Metabolite	0
Alcohol Restricted	4
Minor in Possession	2
Ignition Interlock	2
Drug Related Arrests	5
Open Container Violation	1
Total Vehicle Stops	185

Criminal Interdiction



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On July 9, 2010, a corporal stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Tooele County for traffic offense. During the course of the stop, he became suspicious of two Asian males when their stories were not consistent with the innocent motoring public. The corporal deployed his K-9 around the outside of the vehicle during the records check. K-9 Tank gave a positive indication in the trunk. A probable cause search of the trunk revealed 2 suitcases with high grade marijuana inside. The total amount of the marijuana was 27 lbs. Both subjects were arrested and booked in jail.



On July 11, 2010, a K-9 Trooper stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Summit for traffic offense. The vehicle was a rental car. The trooper became suspicious of criminal activity during the course of the stop. He deployed K-9 Cica around the outside of the vehicle. K-9 Cica gave a positive indication. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 19 lbs of marijuana in the trunk. The suspect had someone in front of him giving him locations via cell phone of officers ahead of him along I-80.



On July 10, 2010, a corporal stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Salt Lake County westbound at milepost 104. The corporal became suspicious of criminal activity after observing indicators that led him to believe the driver was involved in trafficking. The corporal deployed K-9 Tank which gave an indication in the trunk. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed \$181,710.00 in US currency. The money was packaged in \$5000 rubber banded bundles which is consistent with how drug money is packaged. The money was seized and driver was cited and released.

Transfers / Promotions / Commendations



We would like to commend Sergeant Nick Bowles for his testimony in federal court. He represented the UHP in a professional manner and has helped establish a foundation for interdiction troopers throughout the state. Thank you Sgt. Bowles.

Nick:

Attached is the 10th Circuit Opinion on that Simpson case we tried to Judge Waddoups in federal court over a year ago now. As you can see, the conviction and his life sentence were affirmed. I haven't read the whole opinion yet, but I thought I'd forward it to you right away.



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You did a great job in articulating your reasonable suspicion to further the detention. A Trooper in your same position who wasn't able to articulate all of the reasons for reasonable suspicion would have lost this case. Please forward this decision to your supervisor, as UHP may be able to use it as a teaching tool for interdiction cases. This decision is being published, so the case law will be cited in future legal briefs on the reasonable suspicion issue. Again, great job. It was a pleasure working with you, and I'm glad we ended with a good result.

Vernon Stejskal
SAUSA

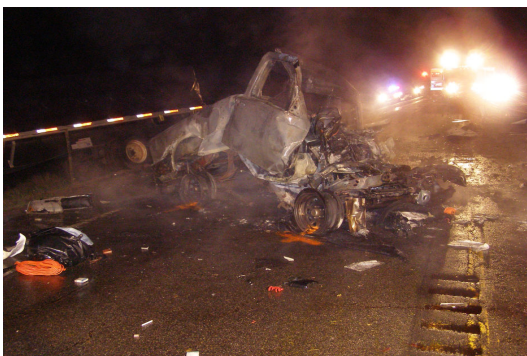
Fatal Crashes



At approximately 1626, an eastbound 2005 Toyota Camry lost control and traveled into the median at Milepost 213 in Grand County. This is about 32 miles east of Thompson Springs. The vehicle rolled multiple times ejecting the passenger. He sustained fatal injuries as a result. The driver had to be extricated from the vehicle and was flown to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado. She sustained moderate non life threatening injuries. Drugs and alcohol are not suspected in this crash.



Vehicle #1 a Jeep Cherokee driven by a male driver was traveling west on SR-89 returning home from Phoenix AZ to Church Wells UT. Vehicle #1 moved into the east bound lane to pass a vehicle ahead of it. Vehicle #2 owned by female and driven by a male driver was traveling east on SR-89 headed to Yuma AZ. When vehicle #1 moved into the east bound lane it did not give time for either of the drivers to react. The vehicles collided head on killing the occupants on impact.



Vehicle # 1 (2003 Ford Ranger) was traveling east on SR-6 at about MP -214 when an elk entered the roadway and was struck by vehicle#1. Vehicle #1(2003 Ford Ranger) then crossed into the westbound lane colliding head-on with vehicle #2(2007 Peterbilt). Vehicle #1(2003 Ford Ranger) burst into flames and the Driver #1 was unable to exit the vehicle.



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On Sunday July 11, 2010 at 8:20 a.m. a 2006 Toyota Scion driven by an 18 year old male from Randolph, Utah was traveling northbound on SR-16 from Wyoming when he drifted across the southbound lanes and went off the left side of the roadway and when the driver tried to correct he rolled the vehicle. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle. The driver was then transported to Evanston Regional Hospital and then later transferred by air ambulance to University of Utah Hospital where he was pronounced dead. There were indications that the driver may have been under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash.

From the Field



On Friday July 9, 2010, Davis County Troopers responded to a suicidal female who attempted suicide by jumping off the structure on I-15 at Antelope Drive in Davis County. The female was also struck by a vehicle. Layton City Police conducted the investigation. The female was flown to McKay Hospital in very serious conditions.



On Friday July 16 2010 at approximately 5:39 am a semi truck hauling household detergents and cleaners was traveling southbound I-15 near mile marker 374 when the driver drifted off the roadway into the guardrail. Then went over the guardrail into the median eventually going off a 50 yard embankment into the Bear River. The driver was airlifted to U of U hospital in Salt Lake in critical condition. The passenger was transported by ground to Bear River Valley hospital with non life threatening injuries.



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